

Defeat Congress(R) in the Forthcoming Elections

A Pledge to Fulfil Right Now

Elections to the Legislative Assemblies in various states in our country are going to be held in the next few weeks. In the present political situation when the Ruling Congress is enjoying absolute power at the Centre, when just after its assumption of governmental power since the last Parliamentary poll the economic exploitation and political persecution of the common people is growing at an alarming proportion, when the Congress (R) is forcibly subduing the democratic climate throughout the country and particularly in the State of West Bengal and when by taking advantage of the success of Bangladesh freedom struggle and 14-day Indo-Pak war, it is spreading confusion among the people with a view to score victories in the elections, the coming poll is of vital significance so far the interests of left democratic mass movement repulsing the repressive acts on the toiling people by the Congress (R) and the reactionary circle are concerned.

As on one hand, the impending elections can bode more ominous presence of fascism entrenching itself still more firmly, so also on the other it can prove to be a welcome step towards defending the hard-won democratic rights of the people by thwarting the attempts for fascistic emergence by the Congress(R) and limiting its power by way of installation of non-Congress (R) government in as many states as possible and greatly strengthening the position of the left democratic forces in our country.

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Which way the situation will tend to develop, whether fascism will advance undeterred to strike more cruel blows on the life of the common people or a real and objective condition will be created through the emergence of mighty united left democratic movement of the people to counter effectively the growing danger of fascism through the Congress (R) imperilling the left mass movement, solely depends on which side the broad masses of the people, the workers, the peasants, the middle class and the intelli-

gentsia muster round their support. Will they allow themselves to be misled by the empty promises of the Congress (R) to build up democratic socialism in our country or they firmly reject the Congress (R), despite its so-called 'progressive' pretensions purported to fulfil the aggregate interest of Indian monopoly capitalism? The fanciful talk of socialism which the Congress(R) is preaching now, the slogans noisily chanted by the Congress (R)-led student and youth wings that 'we destine to bring socialism now and hereafter' are all but a ruse to befool the people. This socialism of the Congress (R) is in complete tune with the socialist preachings of the bourgeoisie of all countries adopted as a means to hoodwink the common toiling masses subject to brutal capitalist exploitation there and to capitalise on their natural affinity for the cause of socialism with the sole desire for augmenting their own vested class interest. The brand of socialism which the Congress(R) professes to fulfil is the same socialism which

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List of SUC Candidates in the ensuing Poll

Name of Constituency	Name of Candidate
HARYANA :	
1. Bahadurgarh	Com. Jai Karan
ASSAM :	
1. Patacherkuchi	Com. Prabhat Chandra Khataniar
2. Goalpara West	„ Nazmul Haque
3. Dhalai	„ Suresh Choudhury
WEST BENGAL :	
1. Joynagar	Com. Subodh Banerjee
2. Kultali	„ Probodh Purkait
3. Patharpratima	„ Rabin Mondal
4. Mathurapur	„ Renupada Halder
5. Kulpi	„ Sasanka Sekhar Naiya
6. Suri	„ Prativa Mukherjee
7. Murarai	„ Bazle Ahmad
8. Raghunathpur	„ Haripada Bauri
9. Para	„ Sailen Bauri
10. Hura	„ Dulal Chandra Hembram
11. Jangipur	„ Achintya Sinha
12. Hariharpara	„ Abu Raihan Biswas
13. Chatna	„ Arun Kiron Barat
BIHAR :	
1. Kanti	Com. (Prof.) Nalini Ranjan Singh
2. Marhowrah	„ Amar Kumar Pandey
3. Arrah Town	„ Sidyanath Joda
4. Dinapore	„ Rekha Sinha
5. Jharua	„ Hem Chakravarty
6. Ghatsila	„ Ampa Murmu
7. Bahragorah	„ Tarini Nayek
8. Pakur	„ Md. Amin
9. Muzaffarpur Town	„ Chandika Prasad Thakur
10. Barhara	„ Pasupatinath Singh
11. Sondesh	„ Bhartji Pandey
12. Gaya Town	„ Ramsaran Jadav

Fascistic Emergence of Cong(R) Reveals Its Aggressive Teeth

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the bourgeoisie of our country also, under the stewardship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his Congress made a trick of it under the slogan of 'socialistic pattern of society' over about two decades since independence. Mrs. Indira Gandhi herself has repeatedly asserted that her Party is pledged to carry on the same old policy and programme of the Congress.

But what type of socialism grew in our soil under the leadership of the Congress with the powerful personality of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at the helm of it? Even at the time of Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress took the programme of nationalisation as in the case of Life Insurance Companies but that did not pave the way for socialism, nor could remove poverty, unemployment or wide disparity in income among the people, which, on the contrary, have accentuated further in the process of nationalisation made by the Congress. Even, on many previous occasions, our Party under the correct guidance of our beloved leader and teacher Com. Shibdas Ghosh, has repeatedly said that in a capitalist state, nationalisation of the means of production does not do away with the capitalist relations of production and does not mean socialism. Rather it minimises the contradictions prevailing within the capitalist class itself and serves the aggregate interest of monopoly capitalism, leading to state monopoly capitalism—the rock bottom foundation stone of fascism. The power of the capital is no how reduced by this nationalisation, rather, it increases many fold suppressing more ruthlessly the democratic aspirations of the common people. These observations of our Party have been amply testified by the shape of things which have actually occurred as time drew out. To quote from governmental reports,

a few monopoly groups of our country benefitting from this nationalisation and other 'progressive' moves of the Congress, control about 50% of the total national assets and appropriate to themselves about 75% of the total national income. The position of unemployment problem in our country has gone from worst to still worst and it is growing dangerously day by day. As to the per capita income of our people, there are at present in our country "2 crores of people who are living on an income of 12 paise per day, 4 crores with 25 paise per day, 6 crores with 32 paise per day, 27 crores with 67 paise per day"—according to some reliable reports.

These are but a few examples of the outcome of Congress brand of socialism in the past and even now. All these facts make it abundantly clear that it is the capitalist class in general and the monopolists in particular, who are the sole beneficiaries of the 'socialistic' measures of the Congress and the Congress (R). The imposition of further heavy taxes on the people just after the occupation of office by the Congress (R) at the Centre, without however touching the pocket of the monopolists or encroaching on the right of plunder on our people through anti-social activities by the black-marketeers, hoarders and tax-evaders (according to a recent Committee report published in the Press around 1500 to 3000 crores of rupees are now lying with the tax-dodgers) is a clear testimony of the Congress(R)'s hypocrisy in professing socialism as its real objective.

Leave alone speaking of socialism, the Ruling Congress at the beginning of its 'new era' has reduced democracy to such a meaningless epithet that it is agonising every right thinking person of our country. The Congress(R) which is so loud in its

proclamation about democracy has increased its armoury of repressive legislations by incorporating fresh and still more unpopular black acts and provisions. It has given more extraordinary arbitrary powers to be freely used by the police administration with a motive to crush the legitimate democratic mass movement and to keep company with the vested class in its mounting offensive on the people. Throughout the country in general and West Bengal in particular, we are bitterly experiencing the state of democracy as it exists now. Surpassing all limit of past atrocities, the Congress-(R) along with the vested class and the administration, specially the police under its control, has created a reign of terror in the State. Not only there is no semblance of administrative neutrality obtaining now, what is more, the police in the interest of the Congress (R) is carrying on inhuman atrocities which were not seen even in the British days. The police is engaged in palpable criminal activities; in the name of protecting law and order it is violating criminally the law itself. To arrest any person at its sweet will without any issue of warrant, to detain any man without trial for a prolonged period, to arrest anyone without keeping any record, to kill or beat anyone to death and fabricate stories that it happened as a sequel to armed clash with the police—all these nefarious acts the police is committing daily everywhere in the State in broad day light with impunity. If the poor peasants or the common men in the country side seek the help of police to protect them from illegal eviction from land or stop the hired goondas of jotedars from forcibly snatching away their rightful share of crop then the police, without discharging his lawful duty, is nastily beating the very seekers of justice, the poor peasants

oppressed by jotedars and even threatening them with dire consequences for making ventures to complain against the jotedars. It is needless to say that the police is doing all this mischief because of being paid handsomely by the jotedars and cheerfully encouraged by the Congress (R). Within a year of Congress (R)'s pilgrimage for the 'new era', thousands of such pitiful stories of deprivation and ruin are there to collect. Just on the other day, when Mrs. Indira Gandhi was saying that her troops went to Bangladesh for upholding the ideals of democracy, for protection of humanity and social justice, it was at that same time, her own police force was staging a ghastly drama like that of Yahya's brutal brass-tags in this sacred soil of India. On the night of January 11 last, six police men raped one after another the 18-year old Saraswati Bagdini whose husband was arrested just before and left her unconscious. It was on the same night, 16-year old Subhadra, wife of Ganesh Bagdi arrested on that night was molested by another policeman in a nearby house and suffered indignities. The students and youths belonging to the Congress(R) in their pioneering zeal for the 'new era', are being aided by hired hoodlums and the police administration and have become the spearhead in creating a suffocating atmosphere in the State where democracy has no leg to stand upon. Repressive acts on the workers and supporters of left and democratic parties and its organisations and even on the common folks are vastly on the increase. The spate of violence, carefree way of murders, driving out members and supporters of opponent political parties from their localities, ransacking other parties' office rooms and burning of party literatures, threat and intimidation, falsely implicating thousands

Left-oriented non-Cong(R) Governments in States Essential for Democracy to Survive

of people belonging to democratic organisations in police cases only to harass and drag them into the Congress(R)'s net—all these have become the order of the day.

Surprisingly enough, when all these events which are as clear as noonday to the people of the State, were put forward to Mrs. Indira Gandhi on behalf of the left political parties in West Bengal, for her immediate intervention for restoration of minimum democratic atmosphere necessary for holding free and fair elections in the State, the Prime Minister Mrs. Gandhi most audaciously termed these as blatant lies and gave no hint of making any enquiry on it. When such is the attitude of Mrs. Indira Gandhi and her Congress (R) regarding democracy, regarding the people, their representatives and the political forces which defend their interests, when with such an attitude the Congress (R) is exercising enormous power vested with it at the Centre, when at the instance of the Congress (R) the administration in general and specially the police is behaving deplorably and indulging in criminal activities with impunity, consequent on which the common people have had to suffer most, and when democracy has become a total farce now, it is heartening to note that in West Bengal and even in the other states, the left and democratic parties have come forward to build up united front or arrive at some closer alliance to jointly oppose the Congress (R) and other reactionary and communal parties to defeat them in the coming elections. In this context our Party can rightfully claim the proud position of being the pace-setter of this unity, as without our consistent principled efforts, specially in West Bengal and in the other states, no such

unity or alliance among the left and democratic parties could have been conceived. It is because of our Party's bold initiative alone for the formation of leftist unity that other left and democratic parties have advanced to build up front or alliance in the different states, namely West Bengal, Bihar and Assam and concerted their efforts to unitedly oppose the Congress(R) at the impending poll.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi in her different speeches is exhorting the people to vote for the Congress (R) in different states. In the present trying situation, if the policies of the Central Government, which have in effect, as claimed by her, generated a new sense of self-confidence and unity amongst the people have to be pursued in the states also, then the Congress (R) ought to be chosen to form governments in the states, more so because the major basic problems of the people fall within the ambit of states' administration to deal with. In addition to the present dictatorial power of the Congress(R) at the Centre, as a manifestation of which the democratic climate in the various states and West Bengal in particular has almost become absent as witnessed now, if the Congress (R) is able to form governments in the states as well, then it will mean the final death of democracy and the autocratic rule of the Congress (R) will ride roughshod over the people—there can be no doubt about it. Should the Congress (R) have been really eager to solve the basic problems of the people, then with the absolute power at its command at the Centre, which has practically reduced the states to mere appendages of it, it would have exercised that power towards removal of these problems. Then to that end, even within the existing capitalist framework, it would have strove

to curb unemployment, reduce prices of essential commodities, increase the living standard of the people, punish the black-marketeers, hoarders and tax-evaders, extend educational and other social amenities to all sections of the people, stop the criminal activities of the police and above all, desist from encroaching upon the limited democratic rights of the people permissible within this social framework. But the Congress (R) is fulfilling not one of these tasks and what is more, when the people are forced to organise mass movements for their bare existence, it is driving ruthlessly its wheel of oppression on them precisely to root out any prospect of legitimate left democratic movement. When such is the character of the Congress (R), when the Congress (R) is at one with the monopoly capitalists and other vested groups of people for whose interests it is enacting laws and executing policies and programmes, it is not by strengthening the hands of Mrs. Indira Gandhi and her Congress (R) can the future of democracy be safe and the desire of the people fulfilled. If the Congress (R) seizes the power of the state governments, then the same anti-people policies and activities of the Central Government will be followed suit in the states as well and the voice of dissent against these policies or prospect of organising movements against it will be terribly weakened. It should be clearly borne in mind that in the present perspective of the national political life, when the Congress (R) is wielding an absolute dictatorial power at the Centre, the various states can play an effective oppositional role against the Centre for ensuring democracy in the country only if left-oriented non-Congress (R) governments can be installed

there. Besides, the parliamentary democratic system itself, which the Congress (R) wishes us to believe that it is wedded to has to have a powerful opposition as its living soul. Absence of such powerful opposition in the legislative forums will simply signify that the last democratic rights of the people yet existing cannot be protected and the emergence of full-fledged fascism cannot be resisted. As a result, every democratic minded person of our country has an unfailing duty to perform now. And that is, to protect democracy from the aggressive posture of the Congress (R) which is out to crush all opposition. They have the task to ensure thumping majority to the left and democratic parties for the formation of non-Congress(R) progressive left democratic governments in the different states so as to powerfully voice against the anti-people policies and activities of the Congress(R) Government at the Centre and implement pro-people measures in the states. It is on the basis of mightily strengthening the left and democratic parties alone that the fascistic onslaught of the Congress(R) can be effectively repulsed, the intensity of democratic movements further accentuated and the legitimate democratic demands of the people secured by mass action. It is then alone that the power of the state governments which is being gradually squeezed by the Centre almost to a point of disappearance, thus creating a situation where even if a popular democratic government is installed in the state, it is powerless to do any appreciable good to the people, (of course it is true that the basic problems of life cannot be resolved within the existing exploiting capitalist system. For such

Congress(R)'s Promise of Stable Government—a Ruse to Betray the Toiling Masses

a solution of the problems, it is necessary to overthrow the present oppressive state machinery in the process of fierce revolutionary battle by the exploited people with a view to establish socialism in the country) can be projected from any encroachment by the Centre and even extended by the force of mass movement for fulfilling the peoples' interests.

Congress (R) is propagating another fictitious logic that to form stable governments in the states it should be voted to power. We are cock sure that the democratically conscious toiling people oppressed under Congress (R) misrule will definitely reject the Congress (R). Even if the Congress(R) wins the majority in the states, it is unable to form stable governments there. It is from the past experience that our people have realised that even when the erstwhile Congress used to enjoy absolute majority at the Centre and in the different State Assemblies, the stability of governments was seriously endangered because of bitter clash of personalities, strong group pressures, factional politics, cliques and coteries which were rampant within the Party. It is only for this groupism and petty squabbles centring round power and pelf for self-aggrandisement and group domination and not because of any contradiction on principle and policy within the Congress, that several factions came out of it to form separate parties in the states such as Bangla Congress in West Bengal, B.K.D. in Bihar and U.P. etc. with the Congress ultimately disintegrating into two major groups of Congress (O) and Congress (R). The same phenomenon of groupism, rivalries and scrambling for power is still existing within the Congress (R) and has taken a more acute form as evident in pre-election scene of the Congress (R) in regard to seat allocations.

It is owing to this pressure of facational politics that Mr. Shukla in M.P. had to be driven out, Mr. Bansilal in Haryana had to resign, the Congress (R) High Command had to select nominees for Bihar elections from separate lists of aspirants owing allegiance separately to Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Mr. L.N. Misra and Mr. Lakhan Singh Jadav, all stalwarts of the Congress(R) and had to meet thousand party functionaries in this regard in the Capital to settle their grievances, and the smouldering heap of disunity and rancour within the West Bengal unit of the Party had to be smothered for the time being. The same act of in-

and install governments in the states, then it is easy to visualise from its own conduct what would be the fate of those governments. But on the other side, the prospect of a stable left democratic government in different states, particularly in West Bengal, has emerged brighter than ever. Firstly, in West Bengal a Left Front consisting solely of the major left parties in the State has already taken shape. Secondly, after having understood their past mistakes the constituents of the Left Front have resolved to keep guard against the causes for the breakdown of the last United Front and United Front Government in the

time through a previously accepted code of conduct binding on all the partners of the Left Front but also the rightist forces of the erstwhile U.F. are now outside this new Front. All these factors have greatly enhanced the possibility for the formation of a strong and stable Left Front Government in the State.

Lastly, we make an earnest appeal to the common members of the Muslim community here not to allow themselves to be bullied by threats from the Congress (R) and other reactionary and communal parties. The Congress and now the Congress (R) not only has posed before and still now poses as the main enemy to the Indian toiling millions, not only it has exploited ruthlessly and is carrying on exploitation on the common people, economically, politically, socially and culturally, but also in the past and even now, gives no protection to the members of the minority community from frenzied attacks in a communal violence. It has rather, on the contrary, intimidated the Muslim masses, caused destruction of their life and property, harassed and arrested them without trial with a heinous motive to drag them in their fold for fulfilling its dirty designs. In a situation like this, it is only the left and democratic forces and their governments in different states that can stand as a bulwark for protection of their interests, their life, property and livelihood and carry forward the struggle for the fulfilment of their various democratic demands. So it is our urgent appeal to them to come forward with the rest of the broad masses of the Indian toiling people for the victory of the left and democratic forces in the coming poll in the different states—an imperative necessity for the restoration of democratic climate and accelerating democratic mass movement of our country.

Contribute Liberally to the Election Fund of the Party

Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of some of the States in India will be held in the month of March next. Our Party is going to contest in these elections. The Party depends solely on the people and their contributions to it. As a correct revolutionary working class party wedded to the task of emancipating the exploited masses of the people in our country it accepts this mass-line as the only correct way of raising funds. The Central Committee of the S. U. C. I., therefore, appeals to the people to contribute the maximum amount possible for them towards the Election Fund in order that the Party can successfully fight the election battle against the Congress (R) and other reactionary parties in the country and thereby carry forward the democratic struggle of the people inside the Legislature.

fighting is being zealously performed by the Congress(R) men also in the other states facing elections. Adding to this acute form of factionalism within the Congress (R), its alliance with the CPI on a national plane to counter the impending elections and conceding seats to that party have caused grave indignation among a wide section of its leaders and workers everywhere making the situation still more worse for the Congress (R). If in the background of these circumstances the Congress (R) anyhow manages to pool the majority

State and have accepted some concrete steps and code of conduct to that effect. It has also adhered to implement the 32-point programme of the previous U.F. and has approached the voters for the Front's victory. Thirdly, not only the activities which weakened the cohesion of the last U.F., taking advantage of which the rightist forces within the last U.F., encouraged by the Congress (R) and the reactionary circle from outside became instrumental in disrupting the U.F. and the U.F. Government, have been guarded against this